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SUBJECT: HUNGER STRIKE BY AMERICANS IN MEXICAN JAILS

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1. WOULD APPRECIATE COMMENTS BY PRISON OFFICIALS OR OTHER SOURCES CONFIRMING WHETHER ANY PRISONERS ACTIVELY PARTICIPATING IN HUNGER STRIKE, AND IF APPROPRIATE HOW MANY.
2. REFERENCE PETERSON-CHASE TELECON JULY 12, PLEASE REPORT WHEN REQUESTED STATISTICAL INFORMATION MAY BECOME AVAILABLE WHICH WOULD PROVIDE BASIS FOR EVALUATING PRISONERS' CLAIM THAT US CITIZENS ARRESTED ON DRUG CHARGES ARE BEING DISCRIMINATED AGAINST BECAUSE OF NATIONALITY BY IMPOSITION EXTRA SEVERE SENTENCES. WE DESIRE FACTUAL DATA WHICH WOULD INDICATE OVERALL, AND IF POSSIBLE BY NATIONALITY, NUMBERS OF PERSONS ARRESTED DURING PAST YEAR (OR SOME OTHER REASONABLE TIME FRAME) ON DRUG CHARGES BY DRUG INVOLVED AND FOR POSSESSION, USE, TRAFFICKING, SMUGGLING, ETC. AND SENTENCE IMPOSED. IF NO STATISTICS BY NATIONALITY AVAILABLE, COULD EMBASSY INFORMALLY CANVASS MISSIONS OF SOME OTHER COUNTRIES FOR WHATEVER PERTINENT INFORMATION THEY MAY HAVE AVAILABLE?
3. FURTHER, PLEASE COMMENT RE PRISONERS' ALLEGATIONS THAT THEIR CONFESSIONS ARE BEING OBTAINED UNDER DURESS.

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